

REMARKS

Claims 76-82 and 88-94 are pending in the application, and have been amended hereby. Claims 59-75, 83-87, 95, and 96 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 76, 78, 80-82, 88, 90, 92, and 94 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 59-75, 83-87, 95, and 96 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 76-82 and 88-94 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 76-82 and 88-94 have been amended hereby to address the issues raised in the Office Action on pages 4 and 5 regarding their interpretation under 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claims 76-82 and 88-94 meet all requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in Claims 76, 78-82, 88, and 90-94, and that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Therefore, Claim 76 has been amended to be in independent form and to recite all the limitations of Claims 71 and 72; Claim 78 has been amended to be in independent form and to recite all the limitations of Claims 71 and 72; Claim 80 has been amended to be in independent form and to recite all the limitations of Claim 71; Claim 81 has been amended to be in independent form and to recite all the limitations of Claim 71; Claim 82 has been amended to be in independent form and to recite all the limitations of Claim 71; Claim 88 has been amended to

be in independent form and to recite all the limitations of Claim 83; Claim 90 has been amended to be in independent form and to recite all the limitations of Claim 83; Claim 92 has been amended to be in independent form and to recite all the limitations of Claim 83; and Claim 94 has been amended to be in independent form and to recite all the limitations of Claim 83.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 76, 78, 80-82, 88, 90, 92, and 94, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition of allowance.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

An early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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